

Andrew Jackson to David Holmes, April 24, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO DAVID HOLMES.1

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Nashville, April 24, 1813

D'r Sir: When I marched from your Territory, I did intend to keep you duly notified of my progress, but the want of Candles in the night, and the attention to the sick in the day, prevented me, and the only letter I was able to write you was from the Tennessee, advising, you of my arival at that place, meeting supplies, and that I would return your Tents in the hands of the Infnt, so liberally and humanely furnished for a covering to my sick. I have now the pleasure to inform you that on the evening of the 19th. I reached columbia there meeting major Hynes, who I had sent on and finding from him that there was no orders from goverment for the payment of my troop I there halted on the 20th. and discharged the 2 Regt of Infantry and part of the first—on the 21st. proceed with the Residue and reach Nashville on the 22nd. instant (a distance of 45 miles) and on that day discharged the Residue of the Infantry and the guards, and on this day is to meet the cavalry 9 miles distant and muster and discharge them. I have the pleasure to inform you, that this moment I have recd advices from the war department, which goes to shew that if we were for a moment neglected by the goverment we were not forgotten, and that the return of my detachment to Tennessee, as I have marched them fully meets the wishes of goverment they are directed to be paid and all expences of the return march. This will surprise your D. q. master, and astonish the officer who ordered recruiting officers to my encampment, to enlist my brave fellows, then in the service of their country. Inclosed

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you will find the waggoners recpt for the tents returned by him. Those in the hands of the cavalry will be sent to you in good order by the first safe convayence.

Be pleased to present me to Mr Dangerfield and lady, Major Freeman if with you Capt Guildart lady and family, including my friend Miss Stark, and accept for yourself, my best wishes.